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**Subject:** Public Scoping for FY2020 Silviculture Activities

Dear National Forest Stakeholder:

This project announcement letter serves to initiate scoping, "an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed" (40 CFR 1501.7). Scoping is required for all Forest Service proposed actions, including those that would appear to be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation in an EA or an EIS (36 CFR 220.46(1)).

### Proposed Action

The Mena-Oden Ranger District is proposing manual PCT and release using chainsaws on approximately 344 acres spread throughout Polk, Scott, Yell and Montgomery County, Arkansas. The following table lists the areas proposed for treatment:

Area	Compartment	Stand	Legal Description	Treatment	Acres <sup>1</sup>
1	1066	23	T1N R24W Sec 8	Manual release	10
2	1127	15	T1S R27W Sec 32	Manual release	8
3	1128	32	T1S R27W Sec 32	Manual release	19
4	1136	4	T1N R27W Sec33	Manual release	23
5	822	1	T1N R31W Sec 23&26	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	35
6	826	1	T1N R31W Sec 29&32	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	27
7	826	2	T1N R31W Sec 32	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	34
8	950	38	T4S R31W Sec 1&2	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	24
9	953	4	T4S R31W Sec 10	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	22
10	1024	1	T1N R26W Sec 5	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	48
11	1039	20	T2N R25W Sec 16	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	34
12	1067	59	T1N R24W Sec 9&10	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	21
13	1095	22	T1N R26W Sec 23	Manual PCT w/chainsaws	39
Total					344

<sup>1</sup> Note: Acres were derived from GIS data, and product accuracy may vary. They may be developed from sources of differing accuracy, accurate only at certain scales, based upon modeling or interpretation, incomplete while being created or revised, etc. Using GIS products for purposes other than those, for which they were created, may yield inaccurate or misleading results. We released this information on 06/23/14. The Forest Service reserves the right to correct, update, modify, or replace GIS products without notification.

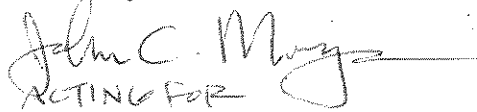
An environmental analysis is being conducted for these proposals.

The proposed action description and other information are available for review at the Mena-Oden Ranger Station. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from **Chris Morgan** at 1603 Highway 71 North, Mena, AR 71953; (479) 394-2382; [jcmorgan@fs.fed.us](mailto:jcmorgan@fs.fed.us).

Thank you for your continuing interest in the management of your National Forest.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John C. Moya". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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TIM OOSTERHOUS  
District Ranger